

NNLM MAR Health Professionals and Public Health Workers SAG Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019

TOPIC	DISCUSSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
Attendees	Carol Nicholas, Debra Youngfelt, Olivia Tsistinas, Erin Streiff, Chad Thomas, Marlowe Bogino & Lisa Fiorentino	n/a
Updates	<p><i>Carol Nicholas, with Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership:</i> recently completed the community health assessment she was working on and now hopes to be out in the community more engaging with organizations to reduce silos. One of the partners is the Trenton Public Library.</p> <p><i>Debra Youngfelt from the NE PA AHEC:</i> They are working on developing an opioid module for their community health worker training. They are currently piloting it and will be turning it into a webinar over the summer for anyone to view.</p> <p><i>Olivia Tsistinas with Upstate Health Sciences Library:</i> They have conducted a three day health professions camp for middle school students in the past and are working on this again because there is interest. They partner with the area resource center who helps with recruitment and transportation. The camp helps students start to picture themselves in health careers.</p> <p><i>Erin Streiff with Franklin County Public Health:</i> They have a grant from the EPA to get technical assistance with an initiative to increase vegetable consumption through activities such as farm to table interventions. They are having Mark Fenton come speak with the organization regarding other areas of focus.</p> <p><i>Lisa Fiorentino with Bradford Center for Rural Health Practice:</i> They are finishing a three-year project related to immunization.</p>	<p>Seeger will connect Tsistinas with the Central NY AHEC since they are relatively close to one another and do similar work with introducing students to health careers</p> <p>Seeger will follow up with MAR staff regarding bookbags of health information Nicholas wants to give out at the public library to see if they have any suggestions- books, DVDs, etc. Seeger will also follow up regarding Engage for Health facilitation.</p>

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	<i>Chad Thomas with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health:</i> They have been doing a bookmark initiative with the public libraries where they supply bookmarks on health topics such as hepatitis, asthma, and extreme heat. There has been a great deal of interest in these and they have been a cheap way to educate about health at the library. He is currently working on a report about the project.	
SAG Updates	Marlowe Bogino from the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Library joined the group in place of Alison Wessel.	n/a
MAR Updates	There is an open position for an Academic Coordinator with MAR	n/a
Clinical “Program in a box” progress	MAR is continuing with the developing of a “clinical program in a box” focused on skills and health literacy for clinical settings. Approximately 30 people have been recruited to participate in focus groups to take place in May and June of 2019. <i>Feedback from the group:</i> The communication skills are a useful part of this program given healthcare organizations’ interest in improving patient experience.	Seeger will keep group members updated about the progress of the project following the focus groups. Feel free to send any feedback in the meantime.
Sub award coaching program	MAR is considering the development of a subaward coaching program to strengthen the grant writing and grant readiness of organizations to successfully receive MAR funding. <i>Feedback from the group:</i> MAR grants are very easy to apply for, the larger NLM grants and much more complicated. Some use a template to organize ideas and timeline before writing the narrative portion. Others would potentially be interested in participating in this program for grants they are considering in the future.	Streiff will send a template she uses for grant planning that can be adapted to NNLM grants if there is interest. Seeger will inform the group if the coaching program takes place this year.
NNLM Reading Club	NNLM has reading club materials that members can order to facilitate reading clubs and discussion	Seeger to send link to the group if they want to share with their communities.

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	<p>related to health topics. The materials can be ordered for free on the NNLM website.</p> <p><i>Feedback from the group:</i> The group member who ordered a kit liked how much was included and said that those who are participating in the book club are interested in the book that was chosen and are looking forward to it.</p>	
Where is MAR?	<p>A MAR representative will be at the following spring events: Medical Library Association in Chicago, IL, May 3-8; Pennsylvania Health Literacy Coalition, May 14-15 in Harrisburg, PA; Future Thinking for Health Sciences Librarians Philadelphia, PA on May 20; New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics on May 22 in Somerset, NJ; PA Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development in Carlisle, PA on May 30; New Jersey Library Association in Atlantic City, NJ, May 29-31. If you're attending any of these, please stop by to say "hello".</p>	n/a
Next Meeting	Will be in late July.	<p>Seeger will send an availability poll, at member's request, she will provide two months' notice to attempt to get a date that works for all group members.</p>